Patent Claims:

1. A continuously variable transmission having at least two continuously variable transmission parts (6, 7) that are parallely disposed in a gear train, ***characterized in that*** the two continuously variable transmission parts (6, 7) are connected through a pick-off gear (8) to an input and an output member (9, 10) respectively.

2. The transmission as set forth in claim 1, ***characterized in that*** the two continuously variable transmission parts (6, 7) comprise a common gear member (1) on the side turned away from the pick-off gear (8).

3. The transmission as set forth in claim 1 or 2, ***characterized in that*** the two continuously variable transmission parts (6, 7) each comprise an input shaft axis (49) and an output shaft axis (48, 50) arranged substantially parallel thereto in a plane of the transmission part, the planes of the transmission parts being arranged parallel to each other.

4. The transmission as set forth in claim 3, ***characterized in that*** the two planes of the transmission parts are identical.

5. The transmission as set forth in any one of the claims 1 through 4, ***characterized in that*** the two transmission parts comprise a common input shaft (1, 49) or a common output shaft (9).

6. The transmission as set forth in any one of the claims 1 through 5, ***characterized in that*** between at least one of the continuously variable transmission parts (6, 7) and the pick-off gear (8) there is provided a further variable transmission part (21, 39, 40, 41) such as, more specifically, a clutch or a reverse gear.

7. The transmission as set forth in any one of the claims 1 through 6, ***characterized in that*** at least one of the continuously variable transmission parts (6, 7) is bypassable (21, 39).

8. The transmission as set forth in any one of the claims 6 through 7, ***characterized in that*** the pick-off gear (8) comprises at least one fixable gear member (12, 20).